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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : HIRAI, Fumiyasu et al.  
Serial No. : 09/961,414  
Filed : September 25, 2001  
For : ENTEROTOXIN ADSORBENT, METHOD OF ADSORPTIVE  
REMOVAL, AND ADSORPTION APPARATUS  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : FORD, V.

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**RESPONSE TO UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2002, for which a response is due on or before November 27, 2002, without extension of time. Applicants respectfully assert the subject application is in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has acknowledged cancellation without prejudice or disclaimer of claims 1-3 and 5. Additionally, Examiner has withdrawn her objection to the specification as well as rejections of claims 4, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 4, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

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For : Enterotoxin Adsorbent, Method of Adsorptive Removal, and  
Adsorption Apparatus

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 19, 2004, for which a response is due on or before June 21, 2004 (June 19, 2004 being a Saturday), Applicants submit the following remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.